

REGULAR SESSION RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS JUNE 3, 2013

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session, Monday, June 3, 2013 with Commissioners, Bruce Levi, Mark Bacon, Ken Masters, Mary Ann Beard, Auditor, and Leigh Morning, County Attorney in attendance.

Commissioner Bruce Levi called the meeting to order. Ken Masters made the motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of May 20, 2013 as presented. Mark Bacon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

Ashley Stevens, Community Corrections Director presented a proposal from Paperless Business Solutions. Mark Bacon moved to approve a general contract, a license agreement, and a maintenance agreement for a software product for community corrections. Ken Masters seconded the motion. Motion carried.

AREA PLAN

Katherine Meyer, Area Plan Director notified the Commissioners that she had tendered her resignation to the Area Plan Commission. The Board thanked her for her service to the county. Tom Monka from the audience commended Meyer for the job she had done in her office.

SCHOOL SAFETY

Dr. John Williams, Superintendent of Rush County Schools informed the Commissioners of new legislation that allows for the application of a \$50,000 grant for school safety. To be eligible for this grant the county must have a school safety commission. Dr. Williams explained that the county already has two different groups that meet on a regular basis that fulfill the criteria. Ken Masters moved to approve the establishment of a School Safety Commission. Mark Bacon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

TURNKEY

Steve Gardner, Sales Engineer for Turnkey, a service company for the heating & cooling of the Courthouse was present at the request of the Commissioners. Commissioner Levi discussed the need for timely billing, addressed the issue of wiring for the control panel and asked to be notified on the next general maintenance visit so he may be present.

IT

IT Director Randy Herbert presented a web security and filtering proposal from Net Noggin in the amount of \$7,995. The agreement includes 100 workstations and maintenance and software for 4 years. Mark Bacon moved to approve the agreement and Ken Masters second the motion. Motion carried. Hebert reported the mail server had been updated with a free upgrade.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

The personnel committee met recently and gave a recommendation to the Commissioners to appoint Randy Herbert as department head of IT. Ken Masters moved to approve the recommendation and Mark Bacon seconded the action. Motion carried.

DIRECT DEPOSIT

Auditor Mary Ann Beard requested that the Commissioners consider a policy change that would amend Ordinance 2005-14, Direct Deposit of County Employees paychecks. Beard's proposal would make Direct Deposit the only option for payroll. Showing that 98 of 135 employees have already given up paper checks, the auditor explained the security and efficiency of direct deposit.

Nancy Rice, Branch Manager of MainSource Bank which administers the county's direct deposit explained how widely used this form of payroll has become. Mrs. Rice offered to help enroll anyone who needed assistance with the explanation or implementation of direct deposit. After a brief discussion, Ken Masters moved to table a decision until the next meeting. Mark Bacon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

HIGHWAY

Highway Superintendent, Jerry Sitton requested permission to hire two drivers. Of the list of 61 applicants, Sitton selected Michael Niedenthal and Ryan Biehl. Ken Masters moved to approve the new hires. Mark Bacon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

SHERIFF

Sheriff Jeff Sherwood reported 47 inmates in the jail. Sherwood also noted that he has used his entire yearly budget for Medical and Dental treatment in less than half the year's time.

AUDITOR

- Claims for 5-21 through 5-28 were approved with the exception of claim #1311 VanAusdall & Farrar Inc for \$79.56 on a motion by Mark Bacon and seconded by Ken Masters. Motion carried.
- Payroll was approved with Mark Bacon initiating the motion. Ken Masters seconded it. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn was received from Mark Bacon and Ken Masters seconded the motion.

/s/ Bruce Levi
Bruce Levi, Chairman

/s/ Mark Bacon
Mark Bacon

/s/ Ken Masters
Ken Masters

ATTEST:

/s/ Mary Ann Beard
Mary Ann Beard, Auditor

